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The reply filed on 15 August 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The format of the amendment is improper in that it does not account for all claims nor present the claim in the format required. See Federal Register, Volume, 68, Number 125, Monday, June 30, 2003. Applicant is requested to resubmit the amendment in the correct format. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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